

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 7 (canceled).

8. (New) A method for monitoring at least one sensor, comprising:  
forming an error pattern for a monitoring of the at least one sensor with the aid of at least one parameter, wherein the at least one parameter includes at least one of an error message, a sensor signal, and a status signal of a vehicle component.
9. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the at least one parameter includes sensor signals of at least two sensors.
10. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:  
transmitting from the at least one sensor the error pattern to a processor; and  
evaluating by the processor the sensor signal of the sensor as a function of the error pattern.
11. (New) The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein the sensor signal is applied to a restraint system.
12. (New) The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein the sensor signal is supplied to one of a vehicle dynamics system and a navigation system.